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Approved For Release 2002/08/26: CIA-RDP78-02820A000500020005-9 25X1 25X1A9A 2082 AGENT AUTOMATIC KEYING DEVICES, CK-7 -Approximately 90 CK-7 Coder/Keyers have been received from the contractor. The remaining 10 units and spare parts will be delivered during the next reporting period. 2089A HIGH-SPEED COMMUNICATIONS AND PROCESSING SYSTEM, AS-4A -25X1A9A continued 25X1A6B AS-4/AS-4A operational testing between | this period. Future modifications and/or changes will be based upon OC-T reports on results of these tests. (See Conference Report: Company - T.O. 3 dated 14 April 1959) 25X1A5A1 25X1A9A AGENT TRANSISTOR RECEIVER, RR/D-11 -2095 A fixed price quotation of \$201,372. for the fabrication of 100 RR/D-11 (3 to 30 mc) receivers and 50 RR/E-11 (3 to 12 mc) Contractual action for 25X1A5A1 receivers has been submitted by Contractual action for the procurement of these receivers is being initiated. Delivery date for the nine RR/D-11 receivers expected in April is now given as 15 May 1959. 25X1A9A AGENT EQUIPMENT POWER SOURCES . 2096 The thermoelectric generator, BC-7, developed by 125X1A5A1 currently undergoing tests at the R+D Laboratory. 25**X**1A5A1 The BC-11X thermoelectric generator being built by | failed during testing by the contractor. Investigation showed that the solder on the cold junction had melted, thereby causing an open circuit in the generator. The contractor has asked for a time extension up to 1 June 1959 in order to rebuild the BC-11X. Work began on the 10-watt thermoelectric generator to be built by the 25X1A5A1 Development of a water-activated battery was started in April by 25X1A5A1 The Office of Logistics is currently negotiating a contract with 25X1A5A1 for a light-activated battery. (See Trip the Silver Cadmium Batteries dated 15 April 1959) Report: AGENT TRIPHASE COMMUNICATIONS SET, RS-18 -25X1A9A 2097 1 to 25X1A5A1 Contractual arrangements have been made with design and fabricate an engineering model of an automatic receiving station for the RS-18 field set. From 22 to 26 April, the RS-18 field sets underwent engineering/operational testing between San Antonio, Texas and Washington, D. C. (See Status Report: RS-18 Engineering/Operational Field Tests dated 30 April 1959)

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25X1A9A	2099	HIGH-SPEED AGENT TO SUB-BASE COMMUNICATIONS SET, RS-13B-	
		This program has been terminated and will no longer be reported.	
	2103	AUTOMATIC DATA TRANSMISSION SYSTEM, AS-6 - 25X1A9A	١
25X1A6A		On-the-air tests of the AS-6 field unit were held during April between Los Angeles and Washington. The AS-6 was matched to the TSS collector unit and to the AEC radio-isotope power supply. A series of fully simulated operational tests will be made at beginning 15 May.	
	2104	UNIVERSAL MODULAR SUBASSEMBLIES, TAILOR - 25X1A	9/
		The contractor is completing fabrication of the transmitter modules being procured under the prototype contract.	
	2104A	TAILOR MODULAR RECEIVER, RR-22 - 25X1A	9/
		Progress on this program is satisfactory. Results of the R+D Lab- oratory evaluation of the initial Band I engineering model have been given to the contractor.	
	2108	AGENT AUTOMATIC STATION, AS-3 - 25X1A	9/
25X1A5A1		Favorable results were obtained in operational testing of the AS-3 during April. The contractor has devised a modification for the CO-3 coder to provide more reliable operation and has completed delivery of all AS-3 prototypes with the exception of eight AC power supplies. is preparing a cost estimate for quantity production of the AS-3. (See Trip Reports: AS-3 dated 17 April 1959 and AS-3 Tests dated 23 April 1959)	
	2110	RADIO CIRCUIT DEVELOPMENT - 25X1A9A	
		The equipment developed under this project is still awaiting evaluation by the R+D Laboratory. Priority ratings for this equipment are presently being reestablished.	
	2112	DZ LOCATION SYSTEM, BN-1 - 25X1A9A	
		A task outline for the development of a DZ beacon has been written and will be forwarded to several contractors with requests for proposals.	
	2113	60-DAY PROGRAM TIMER, CU-2 - 25X1A9A	
		Repair of the 21 faulty CU-2 units continued at the contractor's plant. Progress on this project is considered satisfactory.	

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	2114C	SUBMINIATURE RECORDER, CB-7 -	25X1A9A
		A breadboard model of the modified CB-7 was demonstrated by the contractor. Results of this demonstration were quite favorable and the unit was turned over to SPS/EA for evaluation and examination. (See Conference Report: Subminiature Recorder, CB-7 dated 30 April 1959)	
	2114E	SPECIAL PURPOSE TAPE TRANSPORT -	25X1A9A
		Delivery of the first tape transport was made by the contractor during this reporting period and the unit exceeded all expectations for an equipment fabricated in the short period of time allotted. The contractor is making satisfactory progress towards the completion of this task. Delivery of the two remaining tape transports is scheduled for the next reporting period.	3 ₩
	2115	TIME AND EVENT MARKER, IN-7 -	25X1A9A
		Progress by the contractor on the fabrication of 15 IN-7 prototypes and the design and development of a ruggedized version of an IN-7 engineering model has been satisfactory.	3
	2116	SIGNAL ACTUATE DEVICE, CU-3 -	25X1A9A
25X1A5A1		A request has been forwarded to the Office of Logistics to provide for the fabrication of 16 CU-3 prototypes by the The electronic package necessary for activation of the CU-3 will be supplied to the contractor as GFE and will be installed in the CU-3 prior to final testing. The contractor was authorized by the Office of Logistics to proceed with this task.	
25X1A9A	2117	MINIATURE COAXIAL CABLE TRANSMISSION SYSTEM, WS-1	
		The first WS-1 prototype is currently undergoing test and evaluation by OC-SP. Test results will be reported as soon as they are available.)n
	5151	MINIATURE AGENT VFO, OS-4 -	25X1A9A
		R+D Laboratory evaluation of the initial OS-4 prototype demonstrate the unit's excellent resettability and calibration accuracy. The VFO has been turned over to OC-T for operational evaluation and the contractor has been asked to submit a quotation for quantity procurement.	eđ.

	5155	AGENT SHORT-RANGE COMMUNICATIONS SET, RS-19 25	X1A9A
		The prototype RS-19 field unit has been delivered to the Agency and will be forwarded to the R+D Laboratory for evaluation. One of the receivers delivered under Phase A of this contract has been modified by Motorola to operate on 7 megacycles, the operating frequency of the newly delivered equipment. The RS-19 program is being expanded to allow for the development of base facilities to work with the field unit.	
	5153	100-WATT FIELD STATION TRANSMITTER, RT-27 -	<1A9A
		The initial RT-27 prototype was received from the contractor and is now being evaluated at the R+D Laboratory. has been 25X asked to submit recommendations for production redesign and a meeting with SEB and OC-T will be arranged to consider the suggested improvements.	1A5A1
	5154	RADIO RELAY SYSTEM, RS-23 -	X1A9A
		Three complete RS-23 prototype systems were received and forwarded to SP/AF for inspection and test. The nine remaining systems of the contract quantity of twelve are undergoing final testing by the contractor. The Office of Logistics has been requested to arrange special classified handling and shipping procedures for these units.	
	2127	SEARCH RECEIVING SYSTEM, CS-8 - 25	X1A9A
		Circuit layouts for the prototype CS-8 production model are now being checked out prior to final packaging. The contractor has stated that the task cannot be completed within the time and funds allotted to the contract. An overrun figure, including no fee, has been submitted; completion date of the contract will be extended into July 1959.	
	2131	MINIATURE 3-CHANNEL DATA RECORDER, CB-3 -	X1A9A
25X1A5A1		Repair of the CB-4 playback recorder is proceeding satisfactoril and delivery is scheduled for the next reporting period. The R+D* Laboratory was unable to complete evaluation of the CB-3 25X and CB-4 recorders due to the presence of high noise on all three channels of the CB-3 recorder. The CB-3 has been returned to for correction of the troubles encountered and additional minor changes have also been requested. Delivery is scheduled for the next reporting period. (See Conference Report: Miniature Data Recorder, CB-3, dated 13 April 1959)	



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	2132	CARRIER RECEIVING SYSTEM, WR-1 - 25X1A9/	Α
		Five prototype WR-1 receivers have been fabricated and are being held by the contractor pending shipment of 52 25X1A5A F455-6 single sideband filters. These are expected in June when final testing will be completed and shipment of the five prototype equipments accomplished.	ι1
	2133	HIGH-SPEED FIELD STATION, AS-5 - 25X1A9	}A
	AS-5 breadboard tests are nearly completed. Purchase of a AS-5 is still under consideration. A decision to provide the with a narrowband capability (5.5 kc) is pending. (See Consection 25X1A5A1Report: T.O. 5 dated 14 April 1959		
	2136	VISUAL DISPLAY SYSTEM, DS-1 - 25X1A9	λ
25X1A5A1		The DS-1 equipment has been received at Headquarters and will be evaluated by the R+D Laboratory following demonstrations of the equipment to Agency personnel. A time extension of six weeks has been granted to to complete the final report for this project.	
	2137	MAGNETIC CODER/KEYER, CK-8 25X1A9	λ
		The initial prototype CK-8 Coder/Keyer is scheduled for delivery during the first part of May. A tape cartridge from the AS-3 equipment has been delivered to the contractor to ensure mechanical compatibility between AS-3 and CK-8 equipments. (See Telecon Report: Keying Circuitry, CK-8 dated 14 April 1959)	
25X1	2138	ANTENNAS - 25X1A9	λ
		The contractor has procured a new solenoid to replace the field's Band 5 solenoid which was found to be defective. Additional replacement items will be sent to as soon as they are received 25 Xth 20 contractor. Instruction manuals were delivered to Headquarters and have been forwarded to the field.)1
	2139	AUTOMATIC DATA STORAGE AND READOUT SYSTEM, CS-11 -	
		The prototype modules are nearing completion. Design of system 25X1AS controls and computation of required battery capacity are two principal areas in which much work remains to be done. Uncertainty in these areas is due mainly to the unavailability of complete information on the functional characteristics and power requirements of the GFE equipment. Wiring diagrams of this GFE equipment have been drawn and sent to the contractor to relieve this situation. (See Trip Report: CS-11 Collection System dated 17 April 1959)	ЭΑ

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	2140	AGENT TRANSMITTER, RT-21 -	25X1A9A
		The problem of automatically matching antenna impedances of 25 to 1300 ±j1000 ohms has been resolved analytically. Work will now progress toward a breadboard model of the antenna nework for test and evaluation. (See Trip Report: RT-21 Transdated 30 April 1959)	et-
	2141	STUDY FOR UNCONVENTIONAL AGENT SET, RS-24 -	25X1A9A
25X1		has selected a unique phase modulation method as the cechnique for this low-detectability agent set. Additional the extent of \$142,000, will be necessary however to construct breadboards and demonstrate long-distance feasibility. The of future work under this program is being studied. (See Conference Report: RS-24 Agent Set dated 30 April 1959)	funds, to
	2141A	STUDY FOR NOISE-MODULATED AGENT SET-	25X1A9A
25X1		has made arrangements for a conference in May to discuthe preliminary draft of their final report on this study pro	ıss)gram.
	214 1 B	STUDY FOR METEOR BURST AGENT SET -	25X1A9A
		The contractor is completing a draft of the final report to be submitted on this study.	e
	2142	CLANDESTINE ELINT ANTENNAS -	25X1A9A
		Specifications covering the development of two complete ELINT antenna systems including four antennas, twelve band-pass fil four detectors, and four equipment boards have been written a will be forwarded to the contractor. Upon receipt of a satis proposal from the contractor, two complete systems will be fa	ters, and factory
	2143	TRAVELING WAVE TUBE AMPLIFIERS	25X1A9A
		The contractor has been supplied with the sterile Franconia maddress for covert procurement and instructions for shipping first lot of equipment. Progress on the remaining TWT's is sisfactory. (See Trip Report: Traveling Wave Tube Amplifier, 1959)	the at-
	2145	PORTABLE MAGNETIC TAPE RECORDER/REPRODUCER, CB-9 -	25X1A9A
		The CB-9 recorder development program is progressing toward a solution of the miniaturization problems involved. Breadboard sample sub-assemblies have been fabricated and tested for incoration in the engineering model due to be delivered in October The most favorable transport design appears to be a three-moted drive system.	ds and orp- er 1959.

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	2146	LONG-RANGE ELINT DATA TRANSMITTER, CS-15 - 25X1A	9Δ
		A report stating the technical and operational characteristics of the proposed CS-15 system has been submitted by SPS to the Technical Requirements Board for ELINT Operations. Further work on this task has been suspended pending a reaffirmation of the operational need for such a system.	0 7 (
25X1A9A	2147	SPECIAL PURPOSE RECORDERS, CB-12, CB-13 and CB-14 -	
		Development work on this project was interrupted this period to allow for laboratory evaluation of the CB-13 and for negotiation of a contract amendment to provide additional funds and time to complete work on the CB-14.	
	2148	SEARCH RECEIVER, CS-5 - 25X1A	9A
		Four contractors have elected to bid on the CS-5 search receiver and technical proposals are to be submitted by 4 May 1959. A conference was held with each potential contractor during this reporting period prior to the contractor's submission of a proposal.	•
	2149	TRAVELING WAVE MASER - 25X1A	9A
		The laboratory model of the traveling wave maser is now being tested by the contractor. Although complete data on operating characteristics has not yet been taken, the system design has been proven sound. The only trouble encountered to date has been with the niobium superconducting solenoid.	
	2150	CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION, TV/CC-1 - 25X1A	9A
25X1A5A1		The has requested an additional three weeks in which to prepare their technical and cost proposal for development of the TV/CC-1 closed circuit television system. It is now expected that the proposal will be submitted during the first part of the next reporting period.	
	2151	CONDUCTING GLASS ANTENNAS 25X1A	9A
		Pending results of the R+D Laboratory evaluation of the four sample glass antennas received from the contractor last month, negotiations will be started with to discuss the feasibi2ft 1A54 of constructing a practical antenna system of conducting glass.	41
	2152	MINIATURE MICROWAVE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM 25X1A	9A
25X1A5A1		The miniature microwave communications system has been designated the RS-29. The task outline for this system has been submitted to the for a final cost and analysis statement.	

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	2153	PHOTOGRAPHIC CIPHER SYSTEM -	25X1A9A
25X1A5A1		The has reported very encouraging results from their initial research program on the potential application of paper in the photographic cipher system. A proposal was request and received, from for the development of a working system proposal and cost analysis are now being evaluated by the interested Divisions. (See Trip Report: Photographic Encipher System dated 21 April 1959 and Conference Report: Photographic Cipher System dated 5 May 1959)	ted, ^{em} 25X1A5A1
	2154	HIGH-SPEED FIELD STATION, AS-9 -	25X1A9A
		After a careful analysis of four proposals for the AS-9 communications system, it was decided to suspend the program, since none the approaches considered appeared likely to provide a signification improvement over a modified AS-5 system.	of
	2155	COLD CATHODE TUBES -	25X1A9A
		Necessary clearances have been obtained for personnel of the Ture Electric Corporation to allow discussion of Agency requirements low-power-drain high-power-output cold cathode tubes. A meeting appropriate personnel will be arranged in the near future.	for
	2627	VARIABLE SPEED TAPE RECORDER/REPRODUCER, BT-7 -	25X1A9A
		A revised delivery date for the BT-7 prototype is given as 11 Ma 1959. To date, the contractor has redesigned the front panel lay and added a tape "footage" counter. Work remaining involves the installation of subassemblies and an equipment checkout. A visit the contractor's plant is tentatively scheduled for the second wof May. If the prototype is found to be acceptable at this time will be brought back to Readquarters for a systems test at	yout e it to week
	2638	AUTOMATIC DIGITAL TRANSMISSION SYSTEM, AS-8 -	25X1A9A
		A request for termination of the AS-8 program is now being prepared to further R+D activity is expected under this project.	red.
	2639	VHF COLLECTION RECEIVER, CR-2 -	25X1A9A
		The fabrication of four prototype receivers is proceeding on sch and is 80% complete. All electrical components have been procur Some mechanical redesign work requested by the project engineer progress.	red.
	2640	SIGNAL DELAY DEVICE -	25X1A9A
25X1A5A1		The has been selected as the contract to fabricate 22 signal delay devices. (The equipment requirement increased from 20 to 22 units during this reporting period.) A for contract initiation was forwarded to the Office of Logistics	nt was request
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	2642	PHOTOGRAPHIC DATA RECORDING TECHNIQUES - 25X1A9A
		A report from Wright Air Development Center, Dayton, Ohio, states that GE is continuing company-sponsored research on a thermo-plastic recording technique. GE is expected to have a service test model recorder sometime during this calendar year. It appears that the Air Force plans to accept the GE proposal, which was reviewed by Commo earlier this year, as soon as FY 60 funds become available.
	2643	TRANSMITTER ADAPTER FABRICATION, TA-1C - 25X1A9A
25X1		Headquarters is presently awaiting delivery of the reworked prototype from Upon receipt, it will be re-evaluated for acceptance.
	2644	INFLATABLE HIGH-GAIN POUCHABLE ANTENNAS 25X1A9A
25X1A5A1		has procured nearly all the parts for these antennas and is presently measuring antenna characteristics. The VSWR is less than 3.2 to 1 over the range of operation. One unilateral side lobe only 8 to 10 db down and poor gain characteristics at higher frequencies have given the contractor some trouble, but this has been traced to uneveness of the bag surface. Delivery of one antenna is expected very shortly. (See Telecon Report: [See Telecon Report: 5X1A5A1]
	2648	CS-8 BROADBAND ANTENNA REQUIREMENT, AN-20 - 25X1A9A
		Characteristics of this antenna are being measured by 25X1A5A1 from 30 to 55 mc. will specify the antenna as covering 5X1A5A1 the range of 30 to 600 mc with degraded performance from 30 to 55 mc as per our request. The antenna is expected to be ready for final acceptance the first week in May.
	2649	GUARDBAND RECEIVER, CR-16 - 25X1A9A
		Design work on the breadboard model of this 30 to 260 mc VHF receiver continued. A preliminary RF tuner using a three section Mallory inductuner with a variable three section tuning capacitor has been completed. This tuner is reported to accomplish single band tuning over the 29 to 265 mc range. A Model MOSX1A5A1 1302 receiver was furnished the contractor for comparison tests.
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25X1A9A	2652	SECTIONALIZED METAL PARABOLIC REFLECTORS AND FEEDS -				
		Electrical tests at the contractor's plant are almost complet and results indicate that gain and side lobe suppression will meet our specifications. Delivery of the antennas is expect shortly, although the contractor has not yet committed himse to a firm date.	.1 sed			
	2655	MINIATURIZED TEST EQUIPMENT -	25X1A9A			
25X1A5A1		has submitted a comprehensi proposal for the signal generator portion of this program. cost of developing and fabricating one complete system is quas \$249,560 (CPFF). Delivery is quoted as 12 months. An es of the cost of 12 "production run" systems is quoted at \$20, each. A total of 7 signal generators will be required to cothe frequency range of 10 mc to 21 kmc.	The oted timete			
25X1	2656	BAND COLLECTION RECEIVER, CR-17	25X1A9A			
		The operational requirement for the CR-17 has been dropped and work on this project will be temporarily suspended.				
	2657	RADIO RELAY SYSTEM, RS-28 -	25X1A9A			
		The engineering model of this equipment has been completed enfor final testing of Channel 2 in conjunction with a new ultimicrophone recently received from a subcontractor. Separate instruction books are being prepared for each of the four channels.	rasonic			
	2660	RADIO RELAY REPEATER SYSTEM -	25X1A9A			
		The most formidable problem expected in the development of the repeater system is the design of a suitable semiconductor VHI transmit-receive switch. If this can be accomplished, the secarrier frequency and antenna can be used on a time-sharing hosign effort has been concentrated on this problem.	r ame			
	2661	TRANSISTORIZED VHF MONITOR RECEIVER -	25X1A9A			
	:	This equipment is in the very early stages of development. It audio amplifier, a 455 kc detector and carrier insertion generated a 455 kc amplifier have been breadboarded and tested.	The erator,			
	2662	DATA REDUCTION CONSOLE -	25X1A9A			
	Apr	Pending the receipt of security clearances, work on this prophas been slow. Several small general purpose analog-digital computers are being studied as a possible approach to the proof automatic data reduction. The cost of a complete rack-mou automatic data processing system might run as high as \$300,00 more, complete with input and output devices to satisfy the proved For Release 2002/08/26: CIA-RDP78-02820A000500020005-9	blem inted			

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25X1A	2663 MODIFIED 1302A VHF RECEIVER -	25X1A9A
25X1A5A1	Contractual negotiations with are st As soon as an amicable settlement can be worked contracting officer, work on this project will be	ill in progress.
	2664 EQUIPMENT DEMONSTRATIONS -	25X1A9A
	On 15 April 1959, approximately 15 development i production items of communications interest were total of 120 persons in the Communications Confe II Building. Response was favorable. On 22 Apments were shown to the Technical Requirements Bagroup of approximately 35 persons, all Agency Response to these demonstrations was also consid A demonstration of equipment for communications than radio was scheduled for 27 April 1959 for rechnical Requirements Board.	e shown to a crence Room of cril, the 27 equip- coard and later to employees. ered favorable.
	2666 30 TO 1,000 MC ANTENNA SYSTEM -	
25X1A5A1	A proposal for the <u>development of five</u> of these accepted from and contract now in progress.	antennas has been negotiations are
	2667 ONE TO 10 KMC DF ANTENNA -	25X1A9A
25X1A5A1	Work on this antenna is nearing completion and de unit is expected by 5 May 1959. The antenna will the contractor's plant and then hand-carried to I prevent any delay in shipment which might be incompleted to the urgency of the operational requirement. (See dated 28 April 1959)	l be accepted at Headquarters to Consistent with
2.	SERVICE CONTRACTS -	25X1A9A
25X1A5A1	A. (RD)XG-1604, T.O.'s C and D	
	Work Orders Completed during April 1959:	
	X Fabricate 231-D Indicator Panels D Design and Fabricate VA-9 Prototype Unit	\$ 72.00 8,384.14
	Work Orders Outstanding:	
	S Design and Fabricate 30 to 260 mc Receiver (T. I Signal Operated Relay N RS-1 Modification Kits R Antenna Mounts V Fabricate 20 Teletype Modification Kits W Fabricate an Audio Carrier Interrupting Device, CU-9 Y Fabricate Video Patch Panels Z Fabricate a Cryptographic Alarm Device	8,960.00 1,000.00 3,136.00 1,174.00 450.00 3,825.00 2,550.00
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		AA Fabricate 2 Rack Panels BB Fabricate Control Unit for Magnecord CC Fabricate 100 VA-9 Units	¢	3 117.00 1,200.00 17,000.00	
		Dollar Balance Remaining, T.O. C Dollar Balance Remaining, T.O. D		3,561.28 12,650.18	
25X1A5A1	В	• - RD-79, T.O. 15			
		Work Orders Completed during April 1959:			
		4 Frequency Extension Kits for 231-D	\$	856.00	
		Work Orders Outstanding:			
		1 Evaluate Frequency Shift Converters 3 Speech Clipper for 231-D 5 AN/APR-9 Receiver Modification		23,202.00 6,910.00 3,538.00	
		Dollar Balance Remaining, T.O. 15		21,298.42	
25X1A5A1	C.	RD-145, T.O. 5			
		Work Orders Completed during April 1959:			
		l Fabricate Filter Traps	\$	2,420.17	
		Work Orders Outstanding:			
		6 Fabricate Transistorized Power Supplies, PS-3 7 Design and Fabricate Electronics forUnit		14,954.00 4,073.54	25X1
		Dollar Balance Remaining, T.O. 5		22,944.84	
25X1A5A1	D.	, RD-128, T.O. 3			
		Work Orders Completed during April 1959:			
		3 Measurement of a Reflex Slot Antenna	\$	3,300.25	
		Work Orders Outstanding:			
		4 Design and Fabricate a Group of Receiving Antennas		24,397.03	
		Dollar Balance Remaining, T.O. 3		2,302.72	
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